

*In the Claims*

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid  
2 chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local  
3 enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to  
4 select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps  
5 of:

6 ~~opening an interface~~ establishing a communication link with  
7 an external enterprise ~~ledger~~ catalog system to build an  
8 appropriate chart of accounts for a given company;

9 ~~pushing transmitting~~ from said enterprise ~~ledger~~  
10 catalog system a chart of accounts with descriptions to  
11 a requisition catalog system database in a local  
12 enterprise specified format;

13 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
14 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a  
15 given commodity and purchase period for said given  
16 company; and

17 administrator then ~~pushing~~ associating a selected  
18 account/description tuple [[to]] with company commodity  
19 groups for use in a requisition creation process.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document  
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6 description, key words, approvers, financial  
7 information, route to buyer by plant association,  
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;  
10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
11 process, which displays line items which may be

12 selected by said requisitioner; and  
13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by  
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
18 said requisitioner.

Claims 4-13 [Withdrawn]

1 14. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable  
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating  
4 a valid chart of accounts from which an administrator can  
5 facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid  
6 general ledger account, said method steps comprising:

7 ~~opening an interface~~ establishing a communication link with  
8 an external enterprise ~~ledger~~ catalog system to build an  
9 appropriate chart of accounts for a given company;

10 ~~pushing transmitting~~ from said enterprise ~~ledger~~  
11 catalog system a chart of accounts with descriptions to

12 a requisition catalog system database;

13 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
14 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a  
15 given commodity and purchase period; and

16 administrator then ~~pushing~~ associating a selected  
17 account/description tuple [[to]] with company commodity  
18 groups for use in a requisition creation process.

*Currently*  
15. [~~Previously~~ amended] A computer program product or  
2 computer program element for executing the steps comprising:

3 ~~opening an interface~~ establishing a communication link with  
4 an external enterprise ~~ledger~~ catalog system to build an  
5 appropriate chart of accounts for a given company;

6 ~~pushing~~ transmitting from said enterprise ~~ledger~~  
7 catalog system a chart of accounts with descriptions to  
8 a requisition catalog system database;

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10 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
11 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a

12 given commodity and purchase period; and  
13 administrator then ~~pushing~~ associating a selected  
14 account/description tuple [[to]] with company commodity  
15 groups for use in a requisition creation process.

1 16. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2 claim 14, said method steps further comprising:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 17. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2 claim 15, said method steps further comprising:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document  
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6 description, key words, approvers, financial  
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
11 process, which displays line items which may be  
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by  
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
18 said requisitioner.

1 18. [Previously presented] The computer program product or  
2 computer program element of claim 15, said steps further  
3 comprising:

4 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
5 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
6 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 19. [Previously presented] The computer program product or  
2 computer program element of claim 18, said steps further  
3 comprising:

4 administrator creating a company commodity document

5 including for each commodity code under each company, a  
6 commodity category code, a short description, a long  
7 description, key words, approvers, financial  
8 information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
9 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
10 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

11 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
12 process, which displays line items which may be  
13 selected by said requisitioner; and

14 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
15 fields which need to be selected or populated by  
16 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
17 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
18 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
19 said requisitioner.

*Currently amended*  
20. [~~Previously presented~~] The method of claim 3, further  
comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system  
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for  
5 each account an account identifier and commodity

6 description;  
7 responsive to administrator selection, ~~pushing~~  
8 associating a selected commodity description and  
9 account identifier ~~[[to]]~~ with a company commodity  
10 group document together with information enabling said  
11 requisitioner to select a correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said  
2 information including commodity description, approvers,  
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred  
4 supplier.

1 22. <sup>Currently amended</sup> ~~[Previously presented]~~ The program storage device of  
2 claim 14, said method further comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system  
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for  
5 each account an account identifier and commodity  
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, ~~pushing~~  
8 associating a selected commodity description and  
9 account identifier ~~[[to]]~~ with a company commodity



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group document together with information enabling said  
requisitioner to select a correct commodity.

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23. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
claim 22, said information including commodity description,  
approvers, general ledger account, route-to buyer, and  
preferred supplier.

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